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Filing Date	September 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Cindy T.C. Cuypers
Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	Krishnan S. Menon
Attorney Docket Number	702-010717

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Serial No.: 09/831,001 Filing Date: September 19, 2001
Examiner: Krishnan S. Menon Group Art Unit: 1723
Invention: "Device for Treating a Gas/Liquid Mixture"

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
☐ No additional fee is required.
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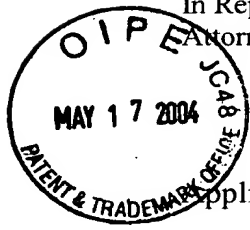
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Application No. : 09/831,001 Confirmation No.: 8959
Applicants : Cindy T.C. Cuypers et al.
Filed : September 19, 2001
Title : DEVICE FOR TREATING A GAS/LIQUID MIXTURE
Group Art Unit : 1723
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 17, 2003, the Applicants submit the accompanying Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time and the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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